

Commissioners:

I urge you NOT to allow the power companies to provide broadband internet services over power lines.

As an amateur radio operator, I face more than my fair share of interference as it stands. I am a QRP enthusiast which is to say that I make every attempt to contact other amateur radio operators world-wide using as little effective radiated power as possible. To qualify for most QRP events this would mean power levels of 5 watts or less. Many times, it takes patience, experience, a VERY low noise receiver and a lot of luck to pull a QRP signal out of the air in the face of the ever growing number of interference sources. QRP operations not only test the ability of the operator and equipment but also provide real world experience in establishing communications in less than desirable conditions - IE; emergency communications.

The power companies have already shown their inability to maintain the grid sufficient to prevent interference with amateur radio operators thus far if the number of reported power line interference complaints is any indication. Please do not allow them to exasperate the situation by introducing more factors to the equation.

Sincerely,

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